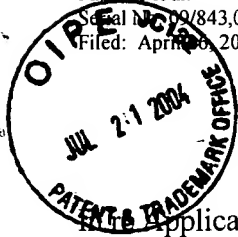


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AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.111)

Dear Sir:

This paper and amendments are responsive to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months, with a due date on or before July 22, 2004. This response is being filed within the period set for response.

Applicants note that it appears that the Information Disclosure Statement they submitted with a mailing date of April 5, 2004 crossed in the mail with the Office Action mailed April 22, 2004. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and the references cited therein.

This application currently includes pending claims 1-19 and 21-36. Pending claims 1, 3-10, 21-23, and 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Perronin, U.S. Patent No. 3,991,007. Claims 1-14, 21-26, and 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as

anticipated by Bednarek, U.S. Patent No. 6,254,878. Claims 1-8, 14-16, 21-23 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al, U.S. 5,571,603. Claims 15-16 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Bednarek. Claims 17-19 and 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the combined teachings of Bednarek and Pagano et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,772,988. Claims 9-13 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Chen. Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Chen in view of Hosotte-Filbert, U.S. Patent No. 5,681,877. This response, additionally, includes amendments to the claims as follows: